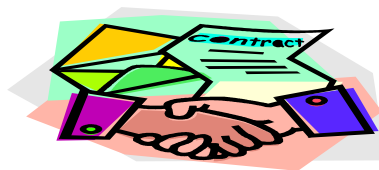


# LABOR MARKET REVIEW

Region 6

Statistical Data Report for July 2006

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Preliminary Labor Force  
Estimates  
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## LABOR MARKET REVIEW

This newsletter is a monthly report on a variety of statistical data for the Region. Recently eleven Indiana Economic Growth Regions were formed. The Economic Growth Region (EGR) 6 includes: Blackford, Delaware, Fayette, Henry, Jay Randolph, Rush Union and Wayne Counties.

### UNEMPLOYMENT RATE RANKING BY COUNTY (HIGH TO LOW)

<u>RANK - July 2006</u>	<u>COUNTY</u>
1	Howard (9.2%)
2	Blackford
4	Fayette
12	Randolph
15	Delaware
20	Henry
23	Wayne
56	Union
62	Rush
68	Jay
92	Hamilton (3.3%)



### SURROUNDING STATES UNEMPLOYMENT July 2006 (not seasonally adjusted)

Illinois	4.8%
Kentucky	6.2%
Michigan	7.7%
Ohio	5.8%

Area	Labor Force	Employed	Unemployed	Rate 2006	Rate 2005
U. S.	153,208,000	145,606,000	7,602,000	5.0%	5.2%
Indiana	3,297,700	3,114,800	182,900	5.5%	5.3%
Muncie MSA	54,440	50,570	3,870	7.1%	7.0%
EGR 6	167,623	156,262	11,361	6.8%	6.8%
Blackford County	6,895	6,320	575	8.4%	7.7%
Delaware County	54,440	50,570	3,870	7.1%	7.0%
Fayette County	11,510	10,600	910	7.9%	7.6%
Henry County	22,890	21,310	1,580	6.9%	7.3%
Jay County	12,160	11,570	590	4.8%	5.9%
Randolph County	13,230	12,280	950	7.2%	7.4%
Rush County	10,060	9,540	520	5.1%	4.9%
Union County	4,060	3,840	220	5.4%	4.9%
Wayne County	32,390	30,230	2,160	6.7%	6.7%
Muncie City	30,130	27,870	2,260	7.5%	7.5%
Richmond City	16,790	15,640	1,150	6.9%	7.1%

### REGIONAL AND STATE UNEMPLOYMENT (SEASONALLY ADJUSTED)

Regional and state unemployment rates were up slightly in July according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor. Forty one states recorded over the month unemployment rate increases, seven states registered rate decreases, and two states had not change. The Midwest again registered the highest unemployment rate among the regions. Mississippi again posed the highest unemployment rate (8.0%) in July. Alaska and Michigan had the next highest rates, 7.0% each. The states recording the lowest jobless rates were Louisiana, 2.9%, and Hawaii and Wyoming, 3.0% each. The low unemployment rate in Louisiana may reflect the continuing impact of Hurricane Katrina. Following the storm, some residents relocated out of the state, some may have found employment as part of the reconstruction, and some may have left the labor force. In July, 17 states registered unemployment rates that were significantly below the U.S. rate, 11 states reported measurable higher rates, and 22 states had rates that were little different statistically from that of the nation. Mississippi posted the largest unemployment rate increase from June. Louisiana registered the only significant jobless rate decrease from June.

### ALL ABOUT UNEMPLOYMENT RATES

For a detailed report on how the government measures unemployment rates click on the following link:

[http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps\\_higtm.htm](http://www.bls.gov/cps/cps_higtm.htm)

For the detailed news summary regarding the employment situation in the United States click on the following link: (Adobe Acrobat necessary)

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# MUNCIE MSA

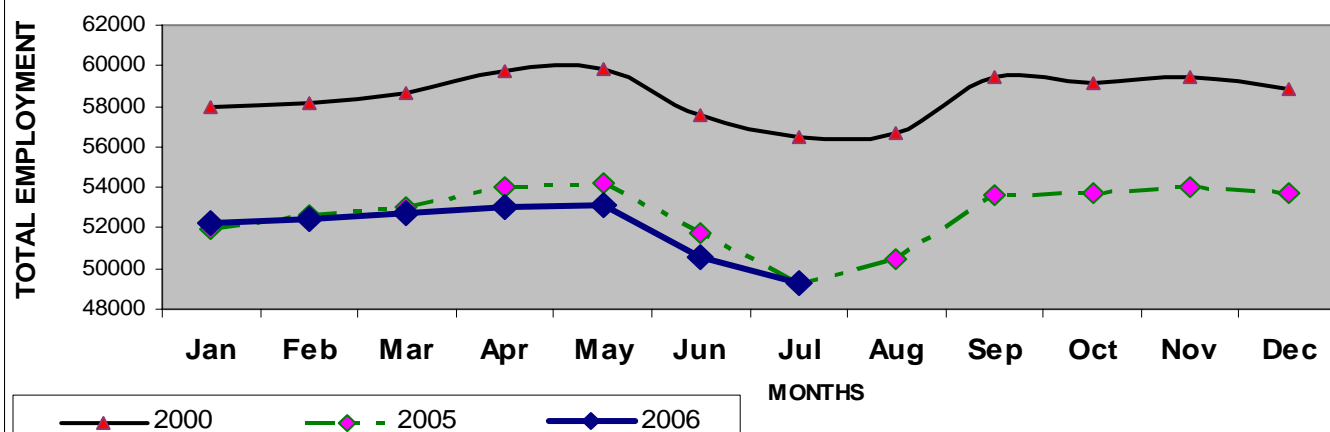


## WAGE AND SALARIED EMPLOYMENT

	Muncie MSA			CHANGE FROM		JULY 2005	
	JULY 2006	JUNE 2006	JULY 2005	JUNE 2006 TO JULY 2006		TO JULY 2006	
Total Nonfarm	49,300	50,600	49,300	-1,300	-2.6%	+0	+0.0%
Total Private	40,000	40,400	39,700	-400	-1.0%	+300	+0.8%
Goods Producing	8,500	8,700	8,200	-200	-2.3%	+300	+3.7%
Service-Providing	40,800	41,900	41,100	-1,100	-2.6%	-300	-0.7%
Private Srvc Provide	31,500	31,700	31,500	-200	-0.6%	+0	+0.0%
Nat. Res & Construction	2,300	2,300	2,300	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Manufacturing	6,200	6,400	5,900	-200	-3.1%	+300	+5.1%
Durable Goods	5,500	5,800	4,900	-300	-5.2%	+600	+12.2%
Trade,Transportation,Utilities	8,900	9,000	9,000	-100	-1.1%	-100	-1.1%
Wholesale Trade	1,300	1,300	1,300	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Retail Trade	6,400	6,500	6,600	-100	-1.5%	-200	-3.0%
Trans,Warehouse,Utilities	1,200	1,200	1,100	+0	+0.0%	+100	+9.1%
Information	400	400	400	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Financial Activities	2,000	2,000	2,000	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Professional and Business	3,800	3,800	3,900	+0	+0.0%	-100	-2.6%
Educational and Health	9,000	9,000	9,000	+0	+0.0%	+0	+0.0%
Health Care and Social	8,800	8,700	8,700	+100	+1.1%	+100	+1.1%
Leisure and Hospitality	5,400	5,500	5,300	-100	-1.8%	+100	+1.9%
Other Services	2,000	2,000	1,900	+0	+0.0%	+100	+5.3%
Government	9,300	10,200	9,600	-900	-8.8%	-300	-3.1%
State Government	5,500	5,700	5,600	-200	-3.5%	-100	-1.8%
Local Government	3,400	4,100	3,600	-700	-17.1%	-200	-5.6%
Local Govt Education	1,800	2,500	1,900	-700	-28.0%	-100	-5.3%

NATURAL RESOURCES AND MINING EMPLOYMENT SHOWN ONLY IN TOTAL NONAGRICULTURAL, PRIVATE & GOODS PRODUCING  
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## MUNCIE MSA EMPLOYMENT TRENDS

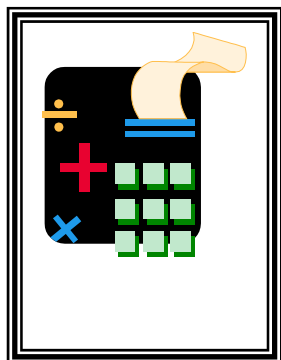


## Indiana's Occupational Employment Outlook to 2014....

Indiana's employment is expected to grow by 302,600 jobs between 2004 and 2014, according to the latest projections from Indiana's Department of Workforce Development. This is a growth rate of 10 percent with employment increasing from 3,056,560 in 2004 to 3,359,170 by 2014. Another 742,160 job openings are anticipated to replace retirees and others departing from the workforce. Indiana's occupational projections include a display of occupations along with the most common educational attainment required and the median wages earned for each occupation. It is clear that most of the fastest growing occupations require greater education and are the highest paying jobs. All of the educational attainment groups requiring a degree have a median annual wage of more than \$42,000, and jobs are expected to grow at double-digit rates. All jobs that require no post-secondary education are expected to grow at a rate below 10 percent. More information and tables to illustrate are highlighted in the September edition of InContext <http://www.incontext.indiana.edu/2006/september/sept06.pdf> or from our Hoosiers by the Numbers website [www.hoosierdata.in.gov](http://www.hoosierdata.in.gov) under publications.



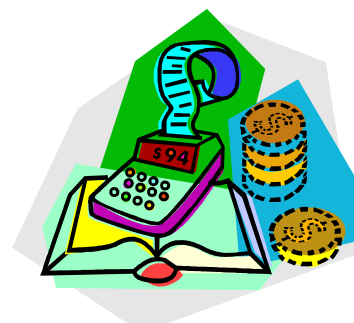
# MONTHLY COMPARISON OF UNEMPLOYMENT CLAIMS BY OFFICE



<b>LOCAL OFFICE</b>	<b>July 2006</b>	<b>June 2006</b>	<b>Previous Month % Change</b>	<b>July 2005</b>	<b>Year Ago % Change</b>
Anderson	9,329	8,152	14.4%	7,728	20.7%
Auburn	14,099	7,425	89.9%	13,946	1.1%
Connersville	2,229	1,786	24.8%	2,195	1.5%
Fort Wayne	19,619	15,175	29.3%	17,725	10.7%
Marion	6,590	4,919	34.0%	6,454	2.1%
Muncie	11,175	8,066	38.5%	11,987	-6.8%
Richmond	3,462	3,004	15.2%	3,349	3.4%
INDIANA	287,208	223,274	28.6%	277,431	3.5%

## APPLICANT POOL ECONOMIC GROWTH REGION 6

Applicant Pool provides a numerical ranking of the top twenty jobs being sought by job applicants. These data are extracted from the Department of Workforce Development's Customer Self Service System (CS3). Each week the job title list in the applicant pool is determined by examining the pool of applicants who are registered in CS3. The twenty job titles that are specified most often by job applicants in the CS3 system are listed. The numbers of applicants requesting those jobs are also displayed. Report date September 11, 2006

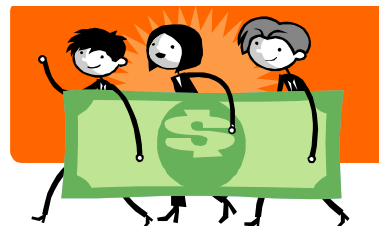


## Economic Growth Region 6 Quarterly Census of Employment & Wages (QCEW)

1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2006

County	Avg. Emp.	Avg. Wkly. Wages
<b>Blackford</b>	<b>3,950</b>	<b>\$566</b>
<b>Delaware</b>	<b>47,010</b>	<b>\$585</b>
<b>Fayette</b>	<b>8,320</b>	<b>\$660</b>
<b>Henry</b>	<b>13,260</b>	<b>\$574</b>
<b>Jay</b>	<b>7,820</b>	<b>\$543</b>
<b>Randolph</b>	<b>6,940</b>	<b>\$563</b>
<b>Rush</b>	<b>5,200</b>	<b>\$556</b>
<b>Union</b>	<b>1,550</b>	<b>\$512</b>
<b>Wayne</b>	<b>33,050</b>	<b>\$595</b>

Note: All establishments are included in these figures except railroads, small nonprofit institutions, churches and federal government civilian employees.



<b>Job Title</b>	<b>Number of Applicants</b>
Assemblers (Factory Work)	4,801
Production Laborers	3,882
All Other Machine Operators	3,269
Forklift/Industrial Truck Operators	2,621
Hand Packers & Packagers	2,486
All Other Hand Workers	2,410
Production Inspectors, Tester, Graders	1,823
Cashiers, General	1,670
General Office Clerks	1,548
All Other Precision Assemblers	1,533
All Other Metal & Plastic Mach Operators	1,519
All Other Machine Setters&Setup Operators	1,496
Order fillers – Wholesale/Retail Sales	1,457
Other Hand Material Movers	1,358
Machine Assemblers	1,318
Production Helpers	1,293
Packaging/Filling Machine Operators	1,283
Other Inspectors & Testers	1,237
Shipping & Receiving Clerks	1,235
Receptionists/Information Clerks	1,195

## WAGE DEMAND

How many people are looking for work and how much do they expect to be paid?

The Department of Workforce Development [Customer Self Service System \(CS3\)](#) performs matches between job applicants looking for work and employers looking for new employees. **Wage Demand** provides the number of applicants registered in CS3, as well as the annual and median wages that the applicants expect to be paid.

How are the wages determined? Each week, we examine the pool of applicants who are registered in CS3. Applicants define their wage expectations for the work they desire. An average wage demand is calculated for the selected geographic area. The median annual wage demand and the total number of applicants in the pool are also provided.

To hire an applicant looking for a job visit the CS3 website or call your Local Employment Services Office. The Employment Services staff will be happy to help you register your job openings.

## WAGE DEMAND TABLE

Geography Economic Growth Region	Average Annual Wage Demand	Median Annual Wage Demand	Number Of Applicants
EGR 1	\$25,391	\$20,800	18,193
EGR 2	\$27,105	\$20,800	14,613
EGR 3	\$23,189	\$20,800	21,216
EGR 4	\$22,120	\$20,800	14,891
EGR 5	\$30,103	\$21,840	29,898
EGR 6	\$21,437	\$18,720	11,717
EGR 7	\$23,927	\$18,720	4,691
EGR 8	\$20,318	\$16,640	8,975
EGR 9	\$24,224	\$19,760	6,087
EGR 10	\$26,388	\$20,800	6,362
EGR 11	\$22,491	\$18,720	12,162
<b>Indiana</b>	<b>\$24,925</b>	<b>\$20,800</b>	<b>154,210</b>

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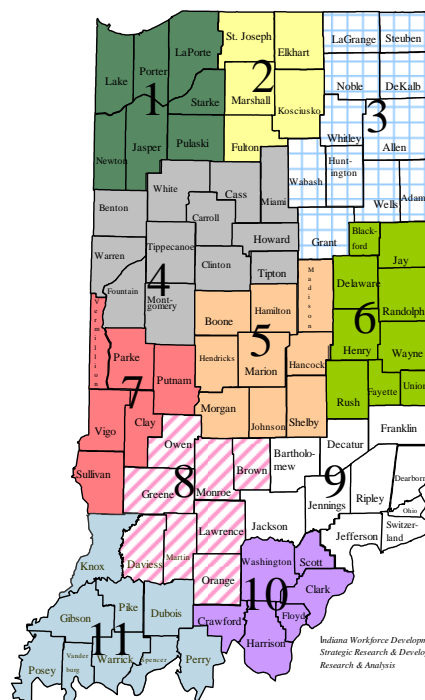
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Indiana Economic Growth Regions



## Consumer Price Index

### 1 Month Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

### Midwest Urban Average(All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2005	0.2	0.6	0.6	0.8	-0.2	0.2	0.3	0.7	1.5	-0.2	-0.9	-0.3
2006	0.6	-0.1	0.7	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.3					

### 12 Months Percent Change

Not Seasonally Adjusted

### Midwest Urban Average(All items)

Year	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
2005	2.6	2.8	2.9	3.4	2.5	2.5	2.8	3.5	4.8	4.1	3.0	3.2
2006	3.6	3.0	3.1	2.8	3.3	3.4	3.3					

Source: U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics



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## SERVING...

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